

metabolism per se in Bosma et al. makes this reference clearly incapable of being combined with the teaching of Clarke et al., even if Clarke were relevant.

E. Conclusion

In conclusion, therefore Applicants submit that the subject claims are free of the prior art and respectfully request a favorable action.

III. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of one month to and including August 12, 2000 in which to respond to the Office Action dated May 10, 2000. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$190.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a two-month extension of time. If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/10023060/DP01982.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 418-3055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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